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Corps to Increase Day Use Fees in 2003

Mobile, Ala. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will increase recreation day use fees effective Jan. 1, 2003. Fees for the issuance of special event permits will also increase for the 2003 recreation season.

"The Corps operates these facilities for the use of all Americans", said Maj. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "These fees will help us sustain the quality of our facilities for the enjoyment of our visitors."

Recreation use fees are collected to help offset operating and maintenance costs at Corps facilities and to assure public demand for high quality recreation opportunities is met.

The new day use fee schedule for Corps-operated recreation facilities is as follows:

- Where fees are assessed on a per facility basis, a fee of \$1 per person, up to \$4 per vehicle, will be charged at developed swimming beaches, and a fee of \$3 will be charged for boat launching at ramps that have restrooms, security lighting or other recreation facilities. Collection of this increased fee will begin on January 1, 2003.
- Where fees are assessed on a per recreation area basis, a fee of \$1 per person, if walking into the area and \$4 per vehicle will be charged for the use of any or all of the recreation facilities within the area. The fee covers up to eight persons per vehicle – additional passengers over 12 years old will be charged an extra \$1 per person.
- An annual pass may be purchased for \$30 to permit the holder and accompanying passengers to use all facilities at Corps-operated day use parks for the calendar year. A second annual pass may be purchased at the reduced rate of \$15. Annual passes for calendar year 2003 will be available for purchase at Mobile District project offices by November 22.

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- Golden Age and Golden Access passports will be honored. Holders will receive a 50 percent discount on all recreation use fees.
- No fee will be charged for children 12 years old or younger.
- The basic fee for a special events permit will be \$50.

In addition to the fee changes, the Corps is conducting a stringent review to ensure Corps camping fees are comparable to those charged by similar facilities and services in the local area. This is being done to assure fair competition with private industry and may result in increased camping fees at some locations.

The Corps charges fees under the authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for recreation sites, facilities and services provided at government expense.

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